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For : A METHOD FOR PREPARING LACTIC ACID FERMENTED SOLUTION  
OF MUSHROOM AND LACTIC ACID FERMENTED SOLUTION  
OF MUSHROOM PRODUCED THEREBY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 14 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

3. (Amended-Clean Text) The method according to claim 1, wherein the mushroom is selected from the group consisting of *Agaricus blazei*, *Ganoderma lucidum*, *Grifola frondosa*, *Elfvigia applanata*, *Pleurotus osteratus*, *Agaricus bisporus*, *Flammulina velutipes*, *Lentinus edodes* and *Cordyceps spp.*

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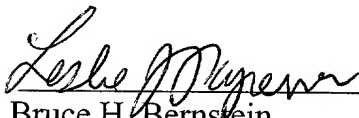
14. (Amended-Clean Text) A lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom produced by the method according to claim 1.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 3 and 14 have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the mushroom is selected from the group consisting of *Agaricus blazei*, *Ganoderma lucidum*, *Grifola frondosa*, *Elfvigia applanata*, *Pleurotus osteratus*, *Agaricus bisporus*, *Flammulina velutipes*, *Lentinus edodes* and *Cordyceps spp.*

14. (Amended) A lactic acid fermented solution of mushroom produced by the method according to claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 13].